



Overview and Update

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Rio Salado College

Headcount

Rio Salado College annually serves:

- 70,000 + students in credit and non-credit classes
- 41,000 + students take their classes online
- Largest Maricopa Community College
- Largest public online community college in the U.S.A.





Communiversality @ Queen Creek is a partnership between:

- Rio Salado College
- Maricopa Community Colleges
- Chandler-Gilbert Community College
- Town of Queen Creek

Communiversi Project Scope

- Rio will construct an approximately 20,000 square foot facility
- ~~\$4.4~~ **\$6.2** Maricopa Colleges bond/capital project
- Property owned by the Town of Queen Creek, adjacent to the Maricopa Public Library
- Estimated Completion: Spring 2013 with classes starting in Fall 2013



Facility Features

- Classrooms
- Testing Center
- Computer Commons and Classrooms
- Administrative Offices for Rio, Partners, and Academic Advisors
- Rotating Tutors and Counselors
- Virtual Business Incubator
- Community Meeting Room

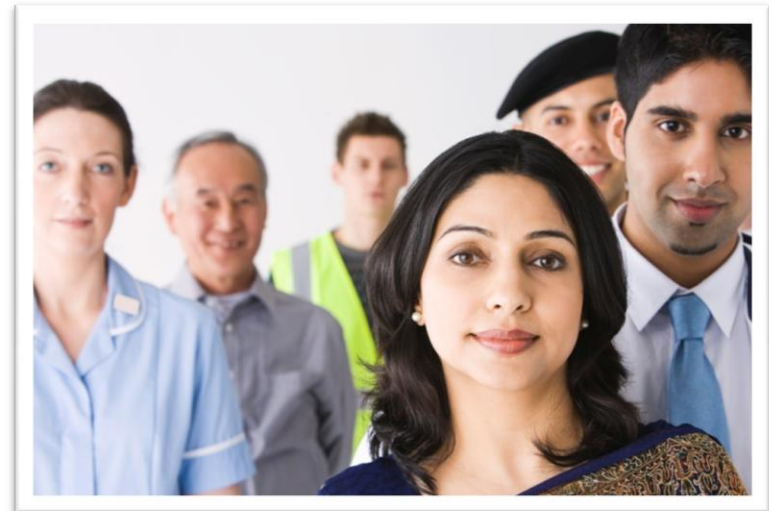
Communiversi Educational Needs Assessment

- Hanover Research Study– QC Academic and Occupational Needs
- QC Economic Development, Strategic Plan
- QC Business Incubator Study
- QC Citizen Survey
- QC Chamber of Commerce, Business Retention & Expansion Report
- ESI Corp. – QC Local Workforce and Employment Growth Sectors

ESI Corp. – Local Workforce Study

Predicted Growth Sectors that can be supported by Higher Education:

- Educational Services
- Health Care
- Business
- Professional Services
- Computer Information
- Services



Rio Salado College Initial Programs Considered

- Healthcare
- Teacher Education
- Early Childhood Development
- Business and Accounting
- Computer Information Systems
- E-Learning Design for Industry



Research Methodology, ESI Corp



Focus of the Study: Shortlisted Occupations

Those excluded from in-depth analysis:

- Jobs projected to decline 2008 – 2018
- Occupations the Town of QC is not interested in fostering
- Educational programs that compete with other institutions
- Educational pathways that do not fit the communiversi model
- Teacher Education & Early Childhood Education.

Healthcare

- Dental Assistant
- Medical Assistant
- Variety of Allied Health Job Classific
- Pharmacy Technician
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Health Trainer (Diet, Nutrition, Exercise)
- Speech Therapist
- Chemical Dependency Counselor
- Behavioral Health



Business and Accounting

- General Business
- Accounting
- Variety of job categories in the financial services and banking industries
- Certificate and Degree pathways modeled by the Communiversi @ Surprise



Project Timeline

- Late October 2011: Governing Board Project Approval
- November 2011 to January 2012: Consultant Selection
including Board Approval
- February 2012 through July 2012: Programming/Design/CDs
- August 2012: Plan Review
- September 2012: Bidding
- October 2012: Construction Award @ Board Meeting
- November 15, 2012: Notice to Proceed
- Mid-November 2012 to mid-June 2013: Construction Phase
- Early June through July 2013: Move-in/Set-up/Owner
Installation
- Fall Semester, 2013: Occupancy/Use

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